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For: PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT INLET ARRANGEMENT

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final Office Action dated March 12, 2003.

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